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SUMMARY: THE LABOR PARTY(LP) HAS WON A MAJORITY OF THE SEATS FOR THE SECOND COLOURED PERSONS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL. LP LEADER LEON HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL SEEK A MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE COLORED PEOPLE IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR MASSIVE REJECTION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND TO PRESENT NEW PLAN TO CREATE WHITE-COLORED PARLIAMENTARY POLITICAL APPARATUS. LEON TOLD PRESS THAT HE EXPECTS THAT AN OPEN CONFRONTATION WITH GOV'T MIGHT RESULT. HOWEVER, HE HAS BACKED AWAY FROM CAMPAIGN PROMISE TO CLOSE DOWN CRC AND NOW INDICATES THAT LP WILL USE IT AS PLATFORM TO ATTACK SAG POLICIES. MEANWHILE,THOUGH DETILS OF CRC AMENDMENT BILL INDICATE THAT SAG PREPARING TO TAKE OVERCRC FUNCTIONS IF IT DEEMS NECESSARY,SAG SPOKESMEN ARE ATTEMPTING TO CREATE IMPRESSION THAT GOV'T PREPARED TO DEAL REASONABLY WITH LP-CONTROLLED CRC. END SUMMARY.

1. FINAL RETURNS IN THE CRC ELECTIONS GIVE LABOR PARTY 31 SEATS,FEDERAL PARTY 8 AND INDEPENDENT 1 SEAT. LABOR PARTY THUS UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL CONTROL SECOND CRC, EVEN IF GOVERNMENT GIVES 20

NOMINATE SEATS TO PERSONS UNLIKELY TO SUPPORT LABOR PARTY. PETER SWARTZ, SON OF FEDERAL PARTY'S AILING LEADER AND ITS ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY, SAID THE OUTCOME OF THE VOTE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE COLORED PEOPLE REJECT THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MODERATE POLICIES OF THE FEDERAL AND OTHER PARTIES.

2. SPEAKING FROM HIS HOME, KIMBERLEY, LP LEADER SONNY LEON SAID PARTY'S CAUCUS WOULD MEET IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO DECIDE ON STRATEGY TO CARRY OUT ITS MANDATE FOR DIRECT COLORED REPRESENTATION IN PARLIAMENT. HE SAID HE WANTED TO MEET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE COLORED PEOPLE. HE SAID HIS PARTY'S MINIMUM DEMANDS AND THE ONLY BASIS ON WHICH IT WOULD NEGOTIATE WITH PRIME MINISTER WAS COMPLETE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL EQUALITY WITH WHITES. HOWEVER, LEON TOLD PRESS THAT LP WOULD NOT CLOSE DOWN CRC, AS IT HAD PROMISED TO DO DURING ELECTION CAMPAIGN, BUT THAT IT WILL USE CRC AS PLATFORM FOR ITS 'PROGRAM OF EXPOSURE AND AMBARRASSMENT' OF SAG'S SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT POLICIES. IN THIS REGARD LEON SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO EXAMPLE SET BY KWAZULU CHIEF MINISTER GATSHA BUTHELEZI AS ONE WHICH HE WILL EMULATE.

3. LEON ALSO TOLD PRESS THAT THE CRC WILL REJECT ANY PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS REACHED BETWEEN OUTGOING FEDERAL PARTY-CONTROLLED CRC AND SAG. IN PARTICULAR, LP REJECTS CONCEPT OF JOINT CABINET COMMITTEE OFFERED BY VORSTER AND WILL DEMAND CREATION OF NEW BODY ON WHICH WHITE AND COLORED POLITICAL PARTIES WOULD BE PROPORTIONALLY REPRESENTED ON THE BASIS OF THEIR STRENGTH IN PARLIAMENT AND THE CRC. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE EXPECTED THAN AN OPEN CONFRONTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT WAS IN THE OFFING.

4. REACTING TO PRIME MINISTER'S WARNING TO LABOR PARTY (PARA 6 REFTEL) REV. HENDRICKSE, CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY'S NATIONAL EXECUTIVE, SAID THAT RATHER THAN ISSUE WARNINGS, THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE BETTER TO ASK HIMSELF WHAT MUST BE DONE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS ARISING OUT OF THE COLORED PEOPLE'S MASSIVE REJECTION OF SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT. DURING WEEKEND SEVERAL SAG SPOKESMEN PORTRAYED VORSTER GOVERNMENT AS WILLING, ALMOST ANXIOUS, TO MEET WITH LP-CONTROLLED CRC AND WORK OUT 'NEW DEAL' FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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COLOREDS WITHIN, THEY ADDED, THE FRAMEWORK OF SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT. MINISTER OF COLORED AFFAIRS VAN DER MERWE STATED THAT GOV'T WILL NOT CONFINE ITS NOMINATIONS TO 20 APPOINTIVE CRC SEATS TO DEFEATED FEDERAL PARTY CANDIDATES BUT IS RATHER LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH BROAD SUPPORT IN COLORED COMMUNITY, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR POLITICAL LEANINGS.

5. THOUGH SAG PUBLICLY STATING THAT IT WILLING TO WORK WITH

LP,GOVT IS MOVING AHEAD WITH PLAN TO PASS LEGISLATION TO GIVE
IT WIDE POWER OVER CRC IF NECESSARY. THE TEXT OF THE
COLORED PERSONS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT BILL(PARA
3 REFTEL), NOW PUBLISHED,WOULD GIVE THE MINISTER OF COLORED
AFFAIRS WIDE POWERS TO PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS OF THE CRC IF
HE IS SATISFIED THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CRC EXECUTIVE,THE
EXECUTIVE,OR THE COUNCIL FAILS TO PERFORM THEM'FOR WHATEVER
REASONS'. UNITED PARTY LEADER GRAAF SAID THE BILL WAS 'THE
FINAL MANIFESTATION OF THE BREAKDOWN OF GOVERNMENT COLORED
POLICY AND THE CLEAREST INDICATION THAT THE POLICY CANNOT
ACCOMODATE THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF THE COLORED PEOPLE'.

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